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REGISTER NOW!

Reunion will honor our "Spanish boys"

That's what they call themselves and we will acknowledge the many contributions made to AMA by the boys who came from down South including a special remembrance of AMA Cuban alumni who took part in the Bay of Pigs invasion.

Hable espanol? Don't worry – it will be in English!

We are hoping to have a big turnout of alumni from South of our border and there will be lots of Spanish spoken among those great fellows. Send in your registration!

Sports Hall of Fame will add more great athletes

The AMA Sports Hall of Fame will induct its latest members on Saturday 25 April at the luncheon during Reunion 2009. In 2008 – the first year of the Hall – nineteen athletes, coaches and sports reporters became it's first honorees.

It is expected that six to eight new members will join the Hall this year. The first *Bayonet* of 2009 will announce this year's honorees. A panel of judges with alumni from many classes plus Colonel Mal Livick, Sergeant Joe Josephson and Sergeant Don Studer will make the selections.

Casino Night will be back!

By popular demand, Casino Night will be back at Reunion 2009 bigger and better than ever! The best news is: YOU DO NOT PLAY AGAINST THE HOUSE! The gamers want you to win as much as you do and they do all in their power to see that you do win. It's on Saturday night – an event not to be missed!

Scholarship deadline nears

Applicants for four $2,000 Legacy Scholarships have until 20 March to have their applications postmarked. The scholarships will be awarded at the reunion.

Friday motorcoach will visit the Link Museum with lunch at Hotel Roanoke

Following the suggestion of former First Captain **Roger Messick, `52**, the Friday motorcoach tour will travel to Roanoke to visit the famous Link Museum with lunch at the Hotel Roanoke, a visit to the Farmers' Market and the ascent of Mill Mountain which has a breathtaking view of the entire Roanoke Valley. Even though he has retired from the travel business, our good friend **Bob Hume, `63**, will donate a luxury coach and driver for the trip. It promises to be an exhilarating experience for all. Sign up on the blue registration form inside.

Silent Auction, Tower of Power, Golf, Sporting Clay Shoot, Roller Rifles marching with a "knock out" drill, a Civil War cannon firing, Military Equipment on display, Founder's Day, Roller Society dedication, AMA Alumni Medals, and – most of all – spending a wonderful weekend with old and new friends in the Springtime in the Shenandoah Valley. You can't beat it!

THURSDAY 23 APRIL

10 AM . Alumni House/Museum open
PX open at the museum

Noon - 4 PM . Early bird registration
Hospitality Room and PX open
Holiday Inn

Noon - 1 PM . . Casual golf tee times
Location to be announced

3:30 - 5:00 PM . Hospitality Tent open
Holiday Inn

5:00 - 7:00 PM . Early arrival cocktails
with heavy hors d'oeuvres
Staunton Country Club
Attire: Business casual

7:30 PM . . . Hospitality Tent reopens
Tower of Power opportunities

FRIDAY 24 APRIL

7:30 AM - 6:30 PM . . . . . Registration
Holiday Inn

All day . . . . . Tower of Power

8:00 AM . . . . . Motorcoach tour to
Hotel Roanoke, Link Museum
Meet in parking lot nearest
the PX at the Holiday Inn
Motorcoach courtesy of
Gaye and Bob Hume, `63
Hosted by
Bev and Frank Williamson, `60

8:30 AM . . . . Golfers register, photos
Staunton Country Club

9:00 AM . AMA Open Golf Tournament
Staunton Country Club
Contact: **Mickey Toms, `67**
[cmtoms@earthlink.net]

9:00 AM - 6:30PM . . . . . PX open
Hospitality Tent open
Silent Auction begins, Holiday Inn

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM . . . . . .
. . . . . Alumni House/Museum open

4:30 PM . . . . Motorcoach tour returns

5:45 PM . . . . . AMA Reception
Hospitality Tent

6:30 PM . . . Registration room closes

7:00 PM . . . . . AMA Awards Banquet
Attire: Coat and tie
Holiday Inn Ballrooms
AMA Scholarship Awards
AMA Alumni Medals
Special Presentations

9:00 PM . . . . . Hospitality Room and
Hospitality Tent reopen
PX reopens
Silent Auction continues

SATURDAY 25 APRIL

Attire all day: Casual

7:30 AM . . . . Light breakfast served
in the AMA Alumni Association
Annual Membership Meeting Room
at the Holiday Inn

8:00 - 8:30 AM . . . . Final registration
outside meeting room

8:30 AM . Annual membership meeting
followed immediately by
AMA Alumni Board of Directors

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM . . . . . .
. . . . . Alumni House/Museum open
Display of military equipment
Courtesy of **Rich Van Breedon**

11:00 AM . Founder's Day ceremonies
Augusta Stone Church Cemetery
honoring AMA faculty and staff
who are buried there

Colors: AMA Alumni Color Guard

Alumni who have passed on since
Reunion 2008 will be remembered

Stonewall Brigade Brass Ensemble
Taps by **Phil Myers, `71**

11:45 AM . . Roller Society Ceremony
Memorial Paver Garden in front of
AMA Alumni House/Museum
Taps by **Phil Myers, `71**

12 Noon . . . . 10th Anniversary of the
AMA Alumni House/Museum
in front of the museum

12:15 PM . Soupie by **Phil Myers, `71**
Lunch, AMA Gymnasium
Colors: AMA Alumni Color Guard

Honors to AMA Alumni who died
in the Korean and Vietnam Wars

White Table and Flag Ceremony

Speaker:
Jorge Rovirosa, `70
honoring "The Spanish Boys"

Induction of new members of the
AMA Sports Hall of Fame
Garry Granger, `71 and
Frank Williamson, `60

Immediately following lunch,
proceed to the Parade Ground

Cannonade by Cumming's Battery
Cape Fear Light Artillery
Commanded by **Captain John Butler**

Drill exhibitions by
Massanutten Military Academy
and the **AMA Roller Rifles**

Immediately following exhibitions
Knock Out Drill led by
Major Corbo of MMA

Alumni House/Museum
will be open until 4:30 PM

3:00 PM . . . . Hospitality tent reopens

3:00 PM . . . . . Sporting clays shoot
Flying Rabbit, Harrisonburg
Contact **Blaine Clarke, `72**
[nuroses53@aol.com]

6:00 PM . . . . . Open bar
Class meeting and class photos
Holiday Inn hallway
Final hours for Silent Auction bids!

7:00 PM . . . . . .
CASINO NIGHT COCKTAIL PARTY,
a FUNdraiser for the AMA Foundation
with heavy hors d'oeuvres and
drinks - Beer $2 - Cocktails $5
Holiday Inn Ballrooms

8:30 PM . . . . . Silent Auction closes
9:00 PM . winning bidders announced

9:00 PM . . . . . Dessert Extravaganza

SUNDAY 26 APRIL

9:00 AM . . . Alumni Fellowship Buffet
Holiday Inn

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM . . . . . .
Alumni House/Museum open

12 Noon . . . . . Roller Riders
depart from in front
of Big Barracks

10 YEARS

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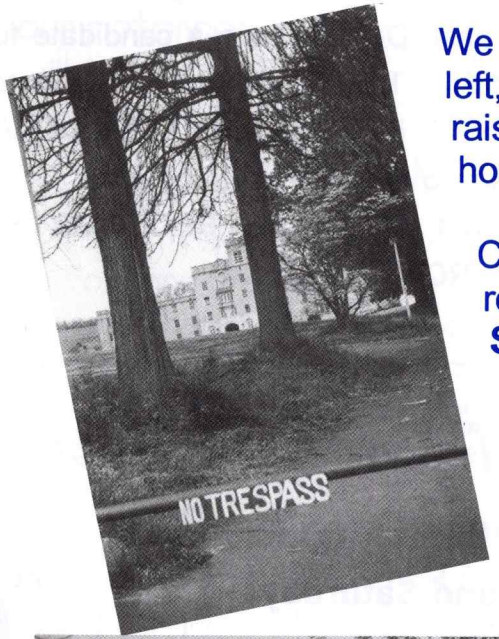
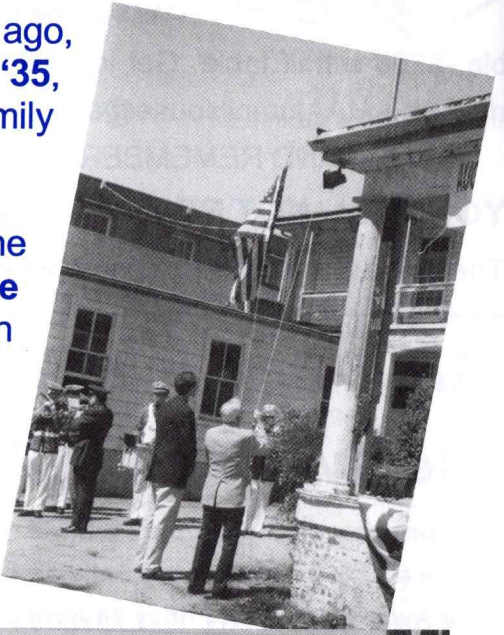


We remember how our campus looked more than a decade ago, left, and we all were thrilled when **Colonel Will Parkins, '35**, raised Old Glory over the stately but dilapidated Roller family home at Reunion 1999, right.

Craftsmen were still working on the house at the time of the reunion, below, left. But soon **Duke Fancher, '58**, and **Luke Snyder, '60**, could sit on a new front porch behind a sign proclaiming that the AMA Museum was open!

At Reunion 2009, we will salute the forward looking alumni and AMA friends who saw great possibilities and persevered to triumph.



ALUMNI HOUSE & MUSEUM
AUGUSTA MILITARY ACADEMY
FOUNDED 1865

Another Casino Night is scheduled!

Already, there are a number of SPONSORS for the gaming tables at CASINO NIGHT! Jeff Wenzel, Jorge Rovirosa, Bud Oakey, Steve Trent, Blaine Clark, Harry Morrisette Ramsey, the Magowan Foundation, Safeway, Inc., Frank Williamson and Garry Granger.

WE NEED MORE SPONSORS!

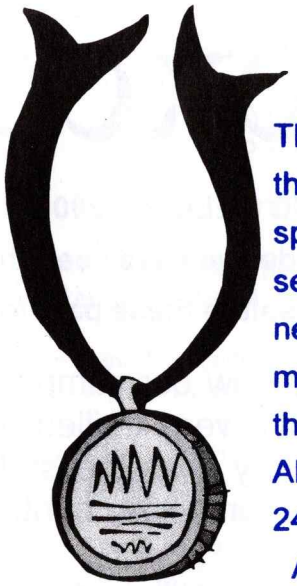
Will you be a sponsor? $400 sponsors a full table, $200 a half table. Get in touch with us at 540/248-3007 or by e-mail at: AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com.

AND REMEMBER - **ON CASINO NIGHT,**

YOU WILL *NOT* BE PLAYING AGAINST THE HOUSE!

The dealers and other casino operators ***WANT YOU TO WIN.***

It's time to nominate for the AMA Alumni Medal!



The 2009 AMA Alumni Medal will be awarded at the reunion to one who has done something very special for AMA, either with one bold act or a series of smaller acts. Recipients of the medal need not be alumni and may have received a medal in the past. Do you have a candidate for this highest of AMA honors? Submit the name to: AMA Medal, P. O. Box 100, Fort Defiance, VA 24437, or e-mail to AMAAlumniHouse.com.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY 28 MARCH.

AMA Legacy Scholarships will be awarded at Reunion 2009

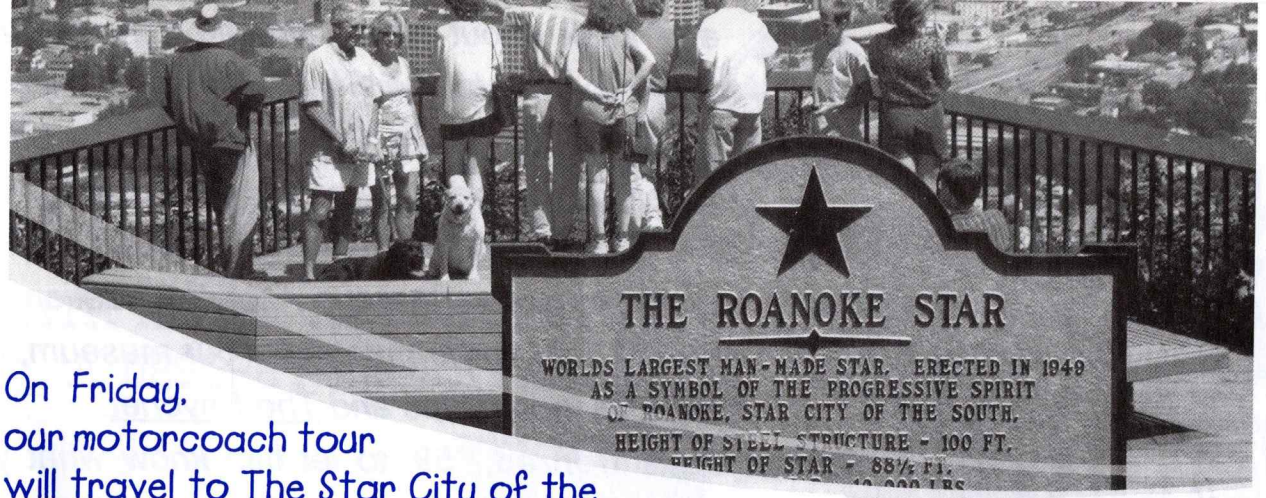
Four fortunate young people each will receive a $2,000 AMA Legacy Scholarship at the Awards Banquet Friday 24 April during Reunion 2009. Now is the time to submit the applications for these four scholarships which will go to young men and women past the high school level. Applicants must be direct descendants of an AMA alumnus (children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, etc.)

Applications can be obtained from the AMA Alumni House/Museum, P. O. Box 100, Fort Defiance, VA 24437. Or at AMAAlumniHouse@aol.com. Or you can download an application from www.AMAAlumni.org

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY 20 MARCH 2009!

The Tower of Power

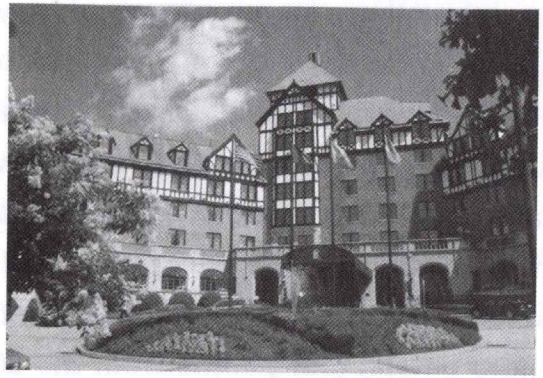
You will be able to win bottles of Virginia Gentleman on both Friday and Saturday during Reunion 2009! Tickets will be on sale at the Registration Desk and at other venues at the reunion. Prize drawings will take place on both Friday and Saturday nights. Be on the lookout for ticket salespersons. They will be on the lookout for you! The entire purpose of Frank and Bev Williamson's Tower of Power is to raise funds for Dear Ole AMA!


THE ROANOKE STAR
WORLDS LARGEST MAN-MADE STAR. ERECTED IN 1949
AS A SYMBOL OF THE PROGRESSIVE SPIRIT
OF ROANOKE, STAR CITY OF THE SOUTH.
HEIGHT OF STEEL STRUCTURE - 100 FT.
HEIGHT OF STAR - 88½ FT.

On Friday, our motorcoach tour will travel to The Star City of the South and the famous Link Museum.

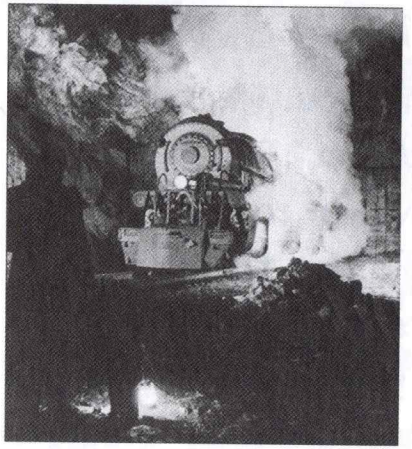
The destination is **ROANOKE** where we will visit the O. Winston Link Museum, the most famous display of America's steam locomotive photos from along the Norfolk and Western Railroad. **Roger Messick, `52,** has highly recommended the museum. There will be lunch at the Hotel Roanoke, a landmark hotel, featuring its famous peanut soup. Then a visit to the extraordinary Farmers' Market and possibly the Virginia Transportation Museum, and finally a trip to the top of Mill Mountain which overlooks the city where the Blue Ridge Parkway passes by.

SIGN UP ON THE BLUE REGISTRATION FORM. PRICE INCLUDES THE MOTORCOACH, ADMISSION TO ALL SITES AND LUNCH AT THE HOTEL ROANOKE.



The Hotel Roanoke

Your hosts will be **Bev and Frank Williamson, `60.** Motorcoach is courtesy of **Gaye and Bob Hume, `63.**



At the Link Museum

A list of hotels for Reunion 2009

Don't be disappointed - make your reservation now!

Reunion Headquarters Hotel
Holiday Inn Golf and Conference Center
Newly redecorated! $89.99 a night
Exit 225 off I-81 at Virginia Route 275
152 Fairway Lane, Staunton
540/248-6020 or 1/800/932-9061

Quality Inn
$61 a night
96 Baker Lane
Staunton
540/248-5111

Days Inn
$51 a night
273 D Bells Lane
Staunton
540/248-0888
Contact: Rachel

Best Western
$79 a night
I-81 Exit 222
92 Rowe Road
Staunton
Four miles from Holiday Inn
540/885-1112
1/800/752-9471

Econo Lodge
$46.99 a night
1031 Richmond Road
Staunton
540/885-5158

Hampton Inn
$102 a night
15 Four Square Lane
Fishersville
I-64 Exit 91
Nine miles from Holiday Inn
540/213-9500

Residence Inn by Marriott
$109 a night
44 Windigrove Drive
Waynesboro
I-64 Exit 94
12.5 miles from Holiday Inn
540/943-7426

Hampton Inn
$102 a night
40 Payne Lane
Staunton
I-81 Exit 220
Five miles from Holiday Inn
540/886-7000

The AMA Alumni Association does NOT make hotel or motel reservations. Reserve your room now!

"Spanish boys" to be honored at reunion

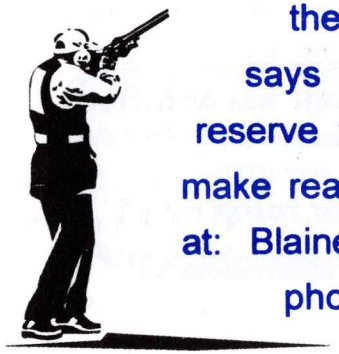
They came from many countries in South and Central America - from Cuba, Brazil, Venezuela, Guatemala, Panama, and the Dominican Republic. From Puerto Rico, Paraguay, Mexico, Costa Rica, El Salvador and Honduras. From Nicaragua, Ecuador, Columbia, Peru, Bolivia and Chile.

Some arrived in Fort Defiance knowing scarcely a word of English. Others came with a firm grasp of the language. Both were placed in an environment which required an extra skill set to survive and to succeed. Their contributions to diversity at AMA were unparalleled. We all learned so much from them!

At Reunion 2009, we will recognize "The Spanish Boys," a term they use to describe themselves. You'll want to attend the Saturday lunch where they'll be singled out for a loud "Ole!"

Sporting Clay Shoot on Saturday

Bring your weapon or we will furnish one for you. Then, motor up Route 11 to the Flying Rabbit on Saturday at 3:00 PM, after all the ceremonies have been concluded on the Drill Field. Organizer **Blaine Clarke, `72,** says at least four shooters are necessary to reserve the time. So, check your eye sight and make ready to fire away. Contact Blaine by e-mail at: Blaine.Clarke@comcast.net, or if you prefer, phone him at 301/540-6455.



*and think about what valuable things you have to give to the **SILENT AUCTION**. This year, we are asking that you get in touch with us before you bring items for the auction since we plan to limit the number of items offered.*

This is

to assure that the AMA Foundation can earn some money for our museum, our scholarships and The Bayonet.

*Contact **Dave Conrad, `59**, to let him know what you plan to bring to the Silent Auction. Call 804/735-8414 or e-mail: daveoconrad@aol.com.*

Thanks for helping us to raise more *for AMA! We already have four **AMERICAN AIRLINES TICKETS** provided by **Tom DelValle, `73!***

The Roller Rifles

will march again at Reunion 2009! If you marched in our wonderful drill team in the last couple of years, you know what a thrill it was! If you have only watched them march at a reunion, you know that is a highlight of the entire reunion weekend. It is the ONE ACTIVITY that gives everyone a sense of what it was like to be an AMA cadet. If you would like to march with the Roller Rifles on Saturday 25 April, let us know. Contact Steve Traylor, `72, right away at 301/353-9295 or by e-mail at: steve.traylor@comcast.net. Watch for the first *Bayonet* of 2009 which will have more details and photos from the 2008 exhibition. Even if you weren't in the Rifles when you were a cadet, you can join in!

CASINO NIGHT

AND COCKTAIL PARTY

WITH HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES AND A DESSERT EXTRAVAGANZA !

What a great time everyone had at the last two reunions at CASINO NIGHT! You can win some big bucks for yourself and support the AMA Foundation at the same time. It is a FUNdraising evening with FUN for all who participate.

CRAPS! TEXAS HOLD 'EM!

BLACK JACK! ROULETTE!

Prizes all evening!

SINK A PUTT & WIN

$10,000

WIN $100!

$200! $300!

FOR THE MOST CHITS AT THE END OF THE NIGHT.

YOU'LL START THE EVENING WITH $10,000! AND

SATURDAY NIGHT AT 7

SPEND SATURDAY EVENING WITH US!

YOU WILL NOT BE PLAYING AGAINST THE HOUSE!

THE 2009 AMA OPEN

A four person scramble (Captain's choice) with all proceeds to the AMA Alumni Foundation
EVERYONE WELCOME! MEN, LADIES AND TEENS

Use every player's tee shot twice. Lowest score wins!

PRIZES: 1st, 2nd and Last Place! Best putt! Longest drive! Closest to the pin!

Drawing for Mulligan prizes! $10 per Mulligan! Limit: two per player

FEES: $100* per person includes 18 holes, green fees, cart rental, refreshments, box lunch, Goody Bag and a donation to the AMA Alumni Foundation. * **Includes two Mulligans**

Staunton Country Club

Friday 24 April at 9 AM - Shotgun start

Please return the entry form by 10 April

We need your help in rounding up "goodies" for the players!

Do you or your company have things that can be used as prizes such as umbrellas, caps, balls, towels, golf tees, etc?

If not, we'll take CASH!

Please contact Mickey Toms at: cmtoms@earthlink.com

Sign up form for the 2009 AMA Golf Open

Your name and your Class _____

Address _____

Phone (____) _____ e-mail _____

Handicap, or last three scores _____ I'll play with anyone _____

Team me with _____ and _____

We have a foursome _____ and _____

_____ and _____

Make check payable to: AMA Alumni Foundation
Mail form & check to: GOLF, c/o AMA, P. O. Box 100, Fort Defiance, VA 24437
Photocopy will be accepted

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Augusta Military Academy
Post Office Box 100
Fort Defiance, VA 24437-0100

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Register for Reunion 2009 before 10 April and you will save!